

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Govans Enoch Pratt Free Library, Branch #22

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5714 Bellona Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Govans Library is a one story, three bay building of the Neo-Colonial Revival. It is built of brick set in Flemish bond. A slate shingled, gabled roof is trimmed with an undecorated boxed cornice and a gabled parapet roof trim. The main entrance in the central bay and the two flanking windows of the front are all capped with recessed fan transom panels. Each window is divided into three sections by two mullions. The central section has fifteen lights and the minor side sections each have five lights. The windows are surrounded with moulded trim. The main entrance has a moulded trim architrave, a flat-topped transom and an entablature. The back wings of the building were added in 1942.

The Govans Library fronts Bellona Avenue about a block north of York and Bellona.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1921

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On September 7, 1900 the initial meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement Club of Govans (later the Women's Club of Govans) was held when twenty-one ladies of the neighborhood met to discuss the proposition of forming a Village Improvement Club. At this meeting someone made a far-reaching suggestion to start a library for Govanstown. This dream began to materialize at a meeting on February 3, 1903 when a branch of the Pratt Library for Govanstown was suggested and fifty dollars were collected toward that purpose. Having neither the money to build a library nor the books to supply it at this time, the Club started collecting books on their own and housed them in neighborhood homes. The home of Mrs. Jane Bell on Bellona Avenue first served this purpose. Other homes of neighborhood residents were used until the small library, a collection of 1,000 books by 1914, moved to a room in the YMCA building (presently the VFW Post) on Harwood Road.

In 1919 a new effort was made to bring an Enoch Pratt Library Branch to Govans. All the leading ladies of the community sought to find a suitable lot, and in 1919 Homeland estate owner, David Maulden Perine, donated the present lot. The present building was erected shortly thereafter and opened on September 13, 1921.

"Throughout the years of the Library's existence there have been complete harmony and cooperation between it and the community. Not only has it proved to be the nearest approach to a community house that Govans has had, but it has also been a place where worthwhile lectures may be heard and a source of information of all kinds". (Frances Sidwell Benson. History of the Women's Club of Govans, 1945).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Benson, Frances Sidwell. History of the Women's Club of Govans. 1945.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bill Tamburrino, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1977

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

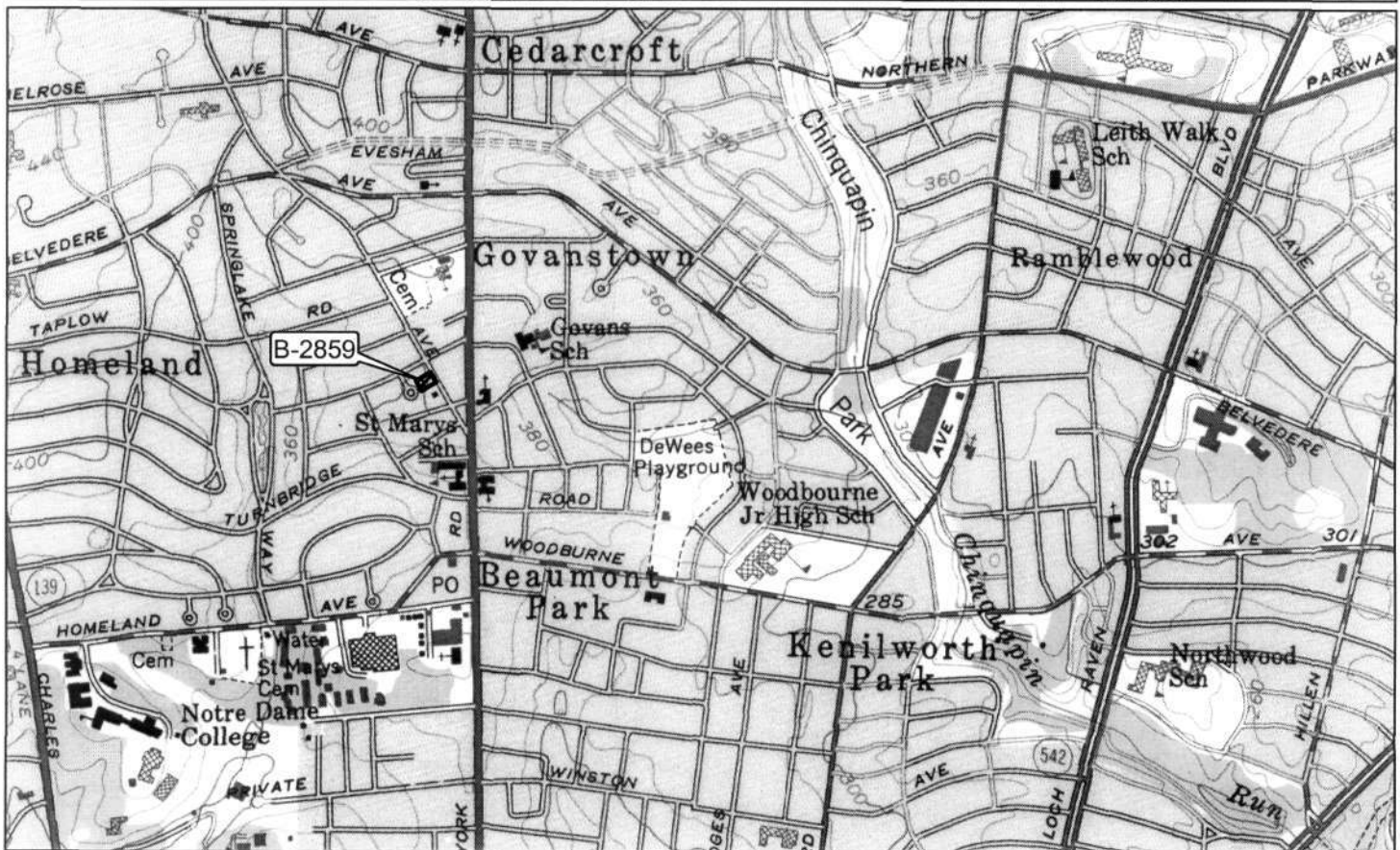
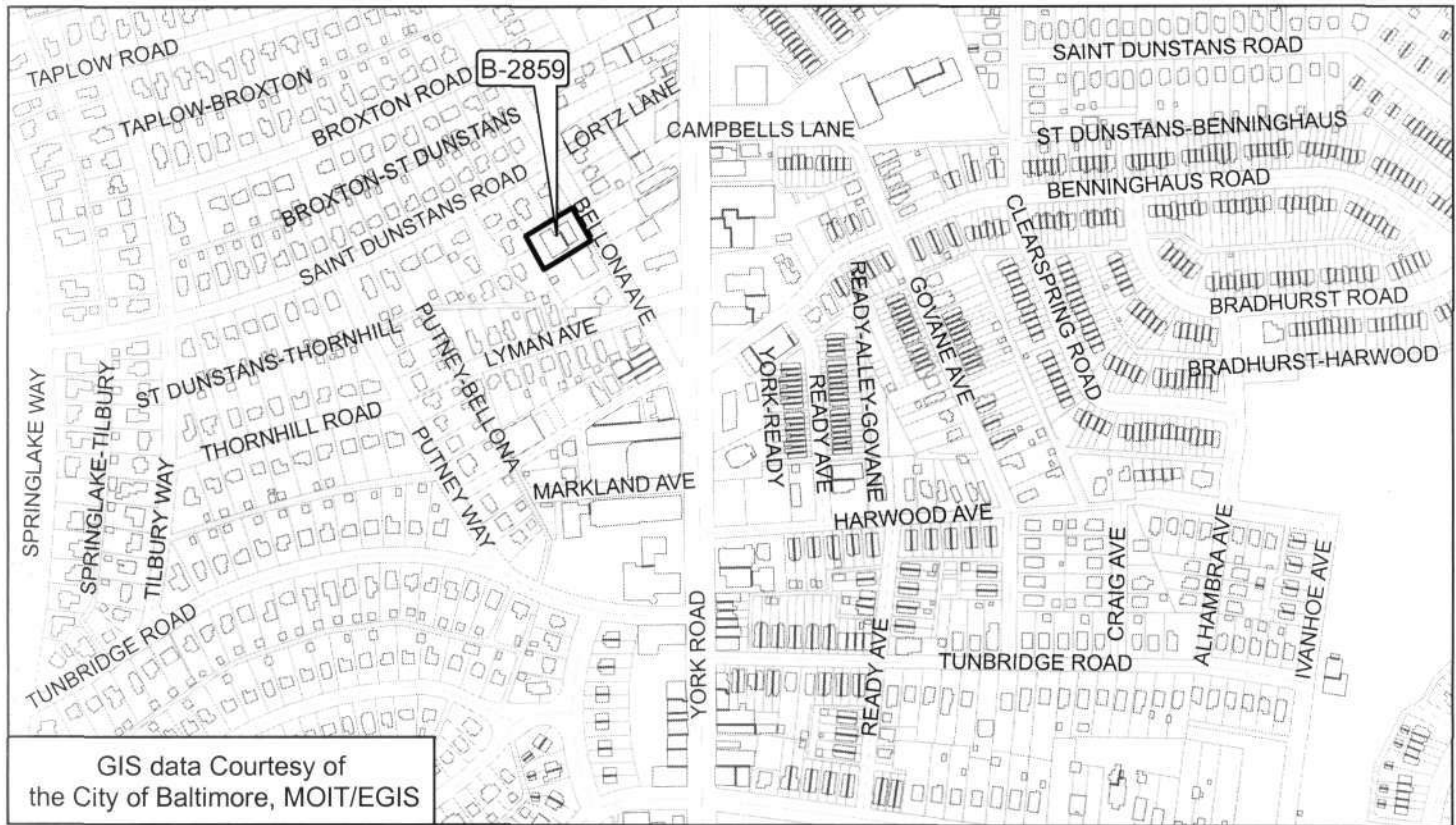
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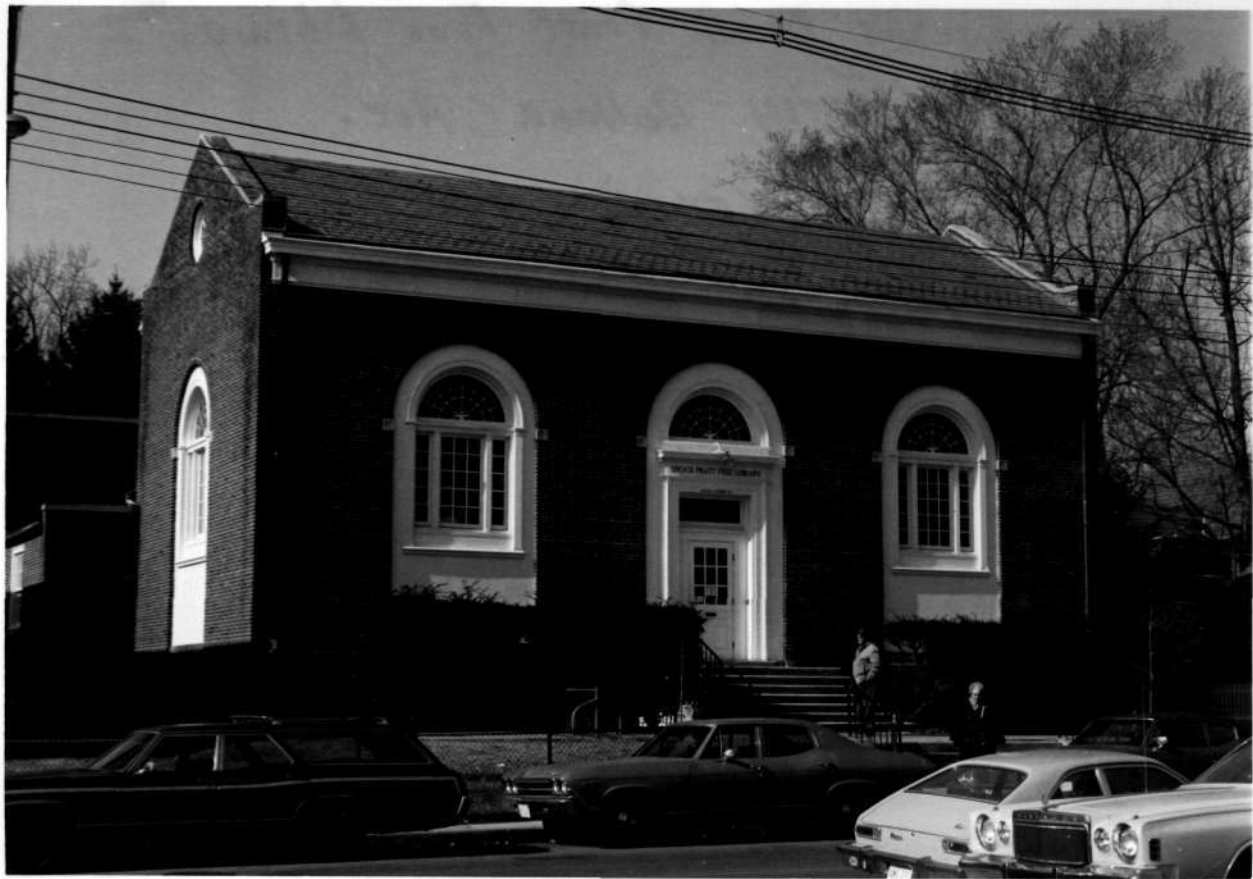
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